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Re: MedStar Franklin Square Medical Center
Application to Establish Kidney Transplantation Services
Docket No.: 17-03-2405

Dear Counsel,

This letter acknowledges receipt of the July 9, 2021 filing by MedStar Franklin Square Medical Center (Franklin Square) in the review of its above-referenced application to establishment kidney transplantation services. Franklin Square's filing was made in response to my May 10, 2021 request that Franklin Square . . .

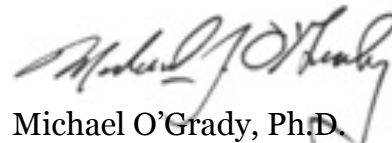
update its assessment of need for a new kidney transplantation program under the need standard, COMAR 10.24.15.04B, and the need criterion, COMAR 10.24.01.08G(3)(b), taking the new kidney allocation policy into account. [It] shall also make any changes to other parts of its application that will result from changes, if any, in its need and/or case volume projections [and] must detail changes, if any, in its underlying assumptions.

I have reviewed Franklin Square's filing. Because I will not require the applicant to provide additional information in response to my request, its filing is considered complete for purposes of initiating the 15-day period during which comments may be filed by the interested parties. As I previously noted, Franklin Square may file one response to comments within 15 days after receiving the comments, if any, filed by the interested parties. No reply filings are permitted unless I specifically agree that a reply may be filed.

All filings in this review must continue to be submitted in Portable Document Format by email to the parties in this review, to Ms. Ruby Potter, and others copied on the e-mail by which this letter is sent. In addition, as previously requested, please send a copy of all filings to Ms. Potter in Word format. Going forward, please note that Kevin McDonald is no longer with the Commission and that the new Chief of CON is Wynee Hawk, whose email address is wynee.hawk1@maryland.gov.

I remind the parties that the *ex parte* prohibitions in the Administrative Procedure Act, Maryland Code Ann., State Gov't §10-219, apply to this proceeding until the Commission issues a final decision.

Sincerely,



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